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INFORMATION REPORT

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Soviet rail traffic along the Iranian border has shown a continuous increase for the month ending 1 April 1952. No great change has been made in the types of materials transported, which consisted, as previously, of building materials, kerosene, coal, and trucks. The greater part of the traffic was from east to west. The number of tank cars almost doubled during the month: 277 tank cars the first week and 569 the last week.

a. Traffic during the week ending 11 March was as follows:

	Number of trains	Loaded cars eastbound	Loaded cars westbound	Tank cars	Night trains
Pol Dasht:	27	294	288	85	18 ¹
Dzhulfa:	41	356	324	51	33
Sia Rud:	36	235	378	85	28
Khuda Afarin:	27	597	615	56	--
Total:	131	1482	1605	277	79

Total number of cars: 3,443²

b. Traffic during the week ending 18 March was as follows:

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	Number of trains	Loaded cars eastbound	Loaded cars westbound	Tank cars	Night trains
Pol Dasht:	13	148	211	58	20
Dzhulfa:	16	296	284	105	18
Sia Rud:	21	444	261	74	33
Khuda Afarin:	12	743	650	98	--
Total:	126 (?)	1631	1406	335	71

Total number of cars: 3,443^a

c. Traffic during the week ending 25 March was as follows:

	Number of trains	Loaded cars eastbound	Loaded cars westbound	Tank cars	Night trains
Pol Dasht:	34	340	210	78	9
Dzhulfa:	40	569	208	71	23
Sia Rud:	45	544	189	84	25
Khuda Afarin:	12	331	357	52	--
Total:	131	1784	964	285	57

Total number of cars: 3,090^a

d. Traffic during the week ending 1 April was as follows:

	Number of trains	Loaded cars eastbound	Loaded cars westbound	Tank cars	Night trains
Pol Dasht:	42	611	223	82	10
Dzhulfa:	42	589	197	229	25
Sia Rud:	45	474	204	92	25
Khuda Afarin:	34	935	897	166	--
Totals:	163	2609	1521	569	60

Total number of cars: 4,819^b

Comment: A detailed report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the monthly period ending 1 April 1952 is given in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] this report should be considered supplementary rather than confirmatory. Weekly reports covering the periods 27 February-4 March and 5-11 March appear in [REDACTED] respectively.

Comments

1. In [REDACTED] this figure was given as 39.

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